

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., with Chris Fields, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the December 6, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- The City of Rushville has been selected as the site for the state's newest ethanol plant. This is a culmination of several months of hard work by the State of Indiana, City of Rushville, Rush County, ECDC and private enterprise. In the near future the Council will be presented with resolutions and ordinances regarding annexation and assignment of the property to the City of Rushville for economic development purposes.
- Approximately 80 people attended an informational presentation on pork production. I think we now have additional information to begin talking with the ag-community concerning a compatibility zone.
- You should have received an invitation from Blue River Telecom for a luncheon to discuss Phase II of the fiber project in Rush County. With the invitation there are RSVP instructions. I hope that you can all attend. I think this is a critical meeting and we need your input.
- I need 3 council members to meet on December 29th to approve the final claims for 2005. Prior to that meeting I will e-mail all of the council my recommendations for encumbrances to 2006. I have a rough draft completed, but I am waiting until all claims have been processed and final numbers are available in each account. Councilmen Byrne, Sheehan, and Fields volunteered to look over the claims.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORTS * * *

Copley reported the following to Council:

- The final pay will be on the 28th (Wednesday) instead of the 27th (Tuesday) because of Friday and Monday both being holidays.

- Reminded Department Heads that all bills need to be in by noon on the 27th.
- Asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2005-25. Sheehan made a motion to approve the resolution. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey reported that they have met with the County and are discussing a compatible buffer zone.

Is working with the Park Board and the Chamber on a free summer concert series.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Scott Murray invited everyone to participate in an open forum at the radio station the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday after Christmas.

PUBLIC HEARINGS * * *

Amendment to Subdivision Control Ordinance - Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the Amendment to the Subdivision Control Ordinance. There was no comment from the public. Fields made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pavey made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Subdivision Control Ordinance. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. There was no comment from the public. Pavey made a motion to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Byrne made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Fiber Update – Randy Frye updated the Council and informed them that Phase I is completed and up and running. He asked the Mayor to put together a committee to decide how best to use the network.

On January 11th there will be a luncheon in regard to Phase II to see how much interest there is.

Annexation Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented in the amount of \$259,444.45. Sheehan seconded. Motion carried. Jeff Peters also updated Council on the progress of the project in the annexation area.

2006 Utility Budget – Les Day reviewed the 2005 budget. After discussion, Sheehan made a motion to approve the 2006 budget. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2005-23 Salary & Wage Schedule for 2006 for City Utilities – Byrne made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Transfer Resolution 2005-24 – Byrne made a motion to approve the Resolution. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Fields made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER